ussian State Committee for Higher ducation providing for placement of idian students in recognised institutions f higher education in Russia, as well as laranteed terms and conditions for the ntire duration of their study, against ayment in hard currency.

When approached by students who face roblems as a result of enhancement of es, the Embassy, after examining the cts, intervenes as necessary to ensure juitable treatment for Indian students.

Whenever specific difficulties are ought to the notice of our Embassy, forts are made to resolve them in cordance with the rules and gulations.

उत्तर प्रदेश में विधान सभा चुनाव

1656. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:**
श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 2 जुलाई, 1996 के वभारत टाइम्स'' से ''संयुक्त मोर्चे की सरकार उत्तर श विधान सभा चुनावों से पहले अयोध्या मसले को ाझाना चाहती है'' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ं दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या अयोध्या मसले को हल ने के लिए सरकार ने कोई विशेष फार्मूला तैयार किया

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार अयोध्या मसले की दलील देकर ं प्रदेश के विधान सभा चुनावों को स्थगित करने का ार रखती है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद न्नूल डार): (क) से (ग) जी हां, श्रीमन्। कार ने 2 जुलाई, 1996 को नवभारत टाइम्स में शित खबर को देखा है। प्रेस की यह खबर कि यह ाद उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा के चुनावों से पहले ाझा लिया जाएगा, बिल्कुल गलत है।

(घ) उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा के चुनाव वाना/स्थगित करना, अयोध्या मुद्दे से जुड़ा हुआ ं है।

Modernisation of Textile Mills in Madhya Pradesh with Foreign Assistance

1657. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some textile mills in Madhya Pradesh are being modernised with foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the names of such textile mills;

(c) the countries and the financial institutions which have provided funds for the modernisation; and

(d) the details of the funds provided by them during the last three years; yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir, No such report is available with the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Replenishing the ageing armoury of the Indian Armed Forces

1658. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government to replace and replenish the ageing armoury of the Indian Armed Forces and to acquire or produce the latest gadgetry for them to keep abreast of the fast developments taking place in the world in general and in our neighbouring countries in particular; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Government are conscious of the need to modernise, update and upgrade the equipment and weapon systems of the Armed Forces. Consequently, a high priority is attached to the programme of modernisation of the equipment and weaponry of the Services. The programmes of modernisation and upgradation are

carried out in a manner which seeks to economise resources and utilise our indigenous capacities and defence production infrastructure to the maximum. At the same time, imports are considered on a selective basis to fill critical gaps.

Extradition Proceedings with Nepal

1659. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated extradition proceeding with Nepal against criminals particularly against domestic servants who fled to Nepal after committing heinous crimes in India;

(b) if so, the details of such proceedings during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the response of the Government of Nepal in such proceedings and the number of criminals/domestic servants who were extradited to India from Nepal during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Extradition proceedings against criminals have not been initiated as yet. However, some modalities in consultation with His Majesty's Government of Nepal have been worked out to bring back and initiate trial of criminals including domestic servants who have fled to Nepal after committing heinous crimes in India. These modalities have been communicated to State Governments for further appropriate action at their end.

Cost of fake notes

1660. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incidents of preparation of fake 'notes from the soiled mutilated currency notes;

(b) whether Government have detected the persons involved in this activity; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to b taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH1 MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIR (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a to (c) The preparation of fake notes fror soiled mutilated currency notes has nc come to notice. However, availabl information about the incidence of crim relating to 'Counter-feiting' during th years 1992, 1993 and 1994 is give below:—

Year	Incidents	Persor arreste
1992	5133	106
1993	3728	129
1994	2851	123

The State Governments/UI Administrations have been instructed t tighten the machinery to tackle th problem of counterfeiting of India currency. The RBI issues press releast from time to time to enable the public t distinguish between genuine and fak currency notes. The CBI has created Special Unit for exclusive investigation < counterfeit currency notes.

New Equipment Schemes for Armc Forces

1661. DR. D. VENKATESHWA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENC be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ha\ projected Rs. 20,000 crores for varioi defence equipment projects for tr Army, Navy and Air Force;

(b) if so, whether number of schemi were prepared by the armed forces ar they could not be undertaken during tl last 5 years;

(c) if so, whether Government a: considering various steps to improve oi Army, Navy and Air Force to meet tl threat posed by our neighboures lil China and Pakistan; and